

**Remarks**

In their decision dated November 30, 2004, the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences sustained the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3 and 5-6 and have not sustained the Examiner's rejection of claims 4, 7-12 and 14. This response is submitted within 2 months of the Board's decision.

The claim sets in the application are claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-7, claim 8 and its dependents claims 9-11 and claim 12 and its dependent claim 14. Therefore, the only independent claim that remains rejected is claim 1. Claim 7 was found to be allowable by the Board not sustaining the Examiner's rejection. Claim 7 depends from claim 1, and claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 7. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-6 depend from claim 1 and should be ruled allowable for that reason and for their own merits.

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-12 and 14 of the application as amended is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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